

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-25, 40 and 41 which are the claims of Group I. Claims 26-39 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file claims 26-39 in a divisional patent application at a later date. In the October 1, 2004 Office Action, the examiner stated that Group I includes claims 1-25, 40 and 41 and that Group II includes claims 26-34. Thus, the examiner has not stated whether claims 35-39 belong to Group I, to Group II, or to some other group. However, because it appears that the examiner is grouping the claims based on whether they are method claims or apparatus claims and because claims 35-39 are apparatus claims, it is assumed that the examiner meant to include claims 35-39 in Group II. Accordingly, claims 35-39 are included among the claims canceled by this amendment. If, in fact, the examiner did not intend to include claims 35-39 in Group II, Applicants request that the examiner so indicate in the next Office Action on the merits so that claims 35-39 may be reintroduced into the application as part of the Group I claims.

A separate paper is submitted herewith requesting that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office records be amended to show that the attorney docket number for this application has been changed from 32993-72725 to 29920-72725.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 29920-72725.

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